

Richmond Dispatch.

THURSDAY.....FEBRUARY 10, 1881.

FEBRUARY 5, 1881.
The Editor of the South.

Editors Dispatch: Please give me the shortest method of finding the average due of the following bills: September 20, 1880—amount of bill (four months), \$498.84; October 2, 1880—amount of bill (four months), \$31; November 29, 1880—amount of bill (six months), \$176.12; May 11, 1880—amount of bill (two months), \$120.10.

By publishing the above request in your next issue you will oblige A Reader.

We generally decline to answer such questions as the above; but whilst we had it in hand we happened to meet a little fourteen-year-old girl on her way from the High School, and, handing it to her, received from her a few minutes afterwards the following, which in a practical way answers "A Reader's" question:

Time of Credit. When Due.

September 20, 1880, 4 months, January 30, 1881.
October 2, 1880, 6 months, May 29, 1881.
November 29, 1880, 6 months, July 11, 1881.
May 11, 1880, 2 months, June 12, 1881.

Time of Credit. When Due.

July 11, 1880, 6 months, January 30, 1881.
January 30, 1881, 6 months, January 30, 1881.
February 2, 1881, 6 months, January 30, 1881.
May 11, 1880, 6 months, January 30, 1881.

Time of Credit. When Due.

\$120.10 x 6 = \$498.84
\$498.84 x 2 = 101.264.52
\$101.264.52 + \$31 = \$176.12
\$176.12 x 2 = 56.712.86
\$56.712.86 + \$120.10 = \$68.828.86

Answer. 188.4 days from July 11, 1880, or on the 27th January, 1881.

Whence the rule for finding the equated time of maturity is deduced to be as follows:

First, find the maturity of each item, and then, counting from the first date for the time of credit, multiply each debt or payment by its time of credit, and divide the sum of the products by the sum of the debts or payments. The date of the equated time is found by counting forward from the first date.

GLADE SPRING, VA., February 7, 1881.
Editors Dispatch: I wish to know the average price of beef, mutton, and hogs or pork, for each month in the years commencing January, 1879 and 1880, making prices for the twenty-four months *separate*. You will greatly oblige a subscriber by publishing them in your daily paper.

Very respectfully, W. B. MASON.

Is there an establishment in your city that salts hogs and makes bacon during the summer months? W. B. M.

[We beg leave to turn the first of these questions over to whom it may concern, for an answer, and the second to some advertiser. Both may be answered through the Dispatch if that medium is preferred—the first gratuitously.]

Editors Dispatch: Is it true, as so frequently stated, that England finally re-adjusted her debt? I think the Dispatch answered this before, but many Virginians would like the facts again. HONESTY.

We answer this question in a paragraph elsewhere in to-day's Dispatch.

MARVELOUS METAPHORS. HARNESSSED ON A SOUTHERN TRIP BY A RICH-MOND BUSINESS-MAN.

(For the Dispatch.)

WELDON, N.C., January 7, 1881.
"Twas midnight—none of your sage goddesses arrangement, but a regular old dog-bowling season, and I lay in the bottom kennel of a sleeping-her. We set sail from the city of inanity (muddy) reservoirs and "open-air" depots just as the caudal appendage of retreating day slid over the fence with friendly winds and a calm sea. But neither wind or sea, nor the creatures thereof, bad any idea of the circuit we were soon to have.

Speaking of spring—spring's a scoundrel, and was a fellow in the gutter of the same temperament that I was in who knew it all. I think he intended it for the exclusive enjoyment of his own family, who were roosting up there with him; but there was a man at the other end of the car who took a part to himself, and decided to make his acknowledgement. Just as my friend over-head was doing the finishing touches to the last strain of his nineteenth "Potpourri," and if you could have seen him kangarooping down that aisle with a boat, in one hand and a pillow in the other you would have sworn him a Pawnee Indian—squirrel-hunting or practicing the "forward-and-back" step of a midsummer wadance. Somehow his clothes didn't seem to fit him—old-style—toe shot at one end; he looked more like a pair of tons at half-mast. I lay low, for sin was in his eye, and the one little tuft of hair on the top of his head looked like the epiphany on a blacking-brush. All of a sudden he stuck his face under the curtain, and say he, "Mister, do you sing?" said I, "In the spring." He gasped a gash, shed this furniture of war, and struck for his hole; but I wan't no use; they just dived from them like frogs from a canabash, and lit on him. Such a panorama, such squalling, such a pyrotechnic display of dangling, glistening, foaming-lightning candle-snuffers, spangled newel-posts, and "devil-chasers" ain't been told. And then that man that sang gave one yawn that seemed to open the whole back end of the car, and by the time he'd crawled through a partition he knew a good about Brown in Negrofoot meetings "I—I'm sold."

Did you ever long up overnight in a town where you didn't know anybody, and anybody didn't know you, and *you* *cozied* one of those weather-boarded pavements, blind-ditch embankments, and horseplay fence corporations, with two hundred houses—the station-house and the hotel? The first is rather high-toned—"red-tap." There is an air of restraint about the place only suited to the more "swell." Now, a hotel with orthodox credit—that is, *valuable* soup and *delightful* pie—is "boss" when you can dive out with a friend, and it should have the players of every true American citizen who has the proper appreciation of self-existence lingering in his bosom and nowhere else to go; but the man that can sit for two hours before bedtime around a red-hot stove, with a "nigger," two commercial tourists, a night-clerk, and a dog, and remark that the hours are sleepless angels that still go giddily, is an honor to his bringing up and—a foot. There is a something, not this world about the average hotel-keeper, a night-clerk, or a "nigger." I forgot which. He gasped so wide open that his eyes look like flagstones at the mouth of a tunnel. His eyes are different.

In New Jersey there is a Society for the Preservation of Game which repudiates the stock of birds by putting out new ones in the spring, and this year, to the disappointment of the forest inhabitants by the frost, proposes to prevent the shooting of any bird whatever for a couple of seasons; but here the society which was in existence did out for want of support, and the law is still in force.

CHARLES T. PAVIS,
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Death Follows Pardon. (Richmond News)

In the year 1756 a number of robbers occurred in the town of Fayetteville. The authorities, after some time, discovered the gang of thieves and receivers and broke up their operations by the capture of two of the operators. These were sentenced, in February, 1877, to ten years' imprisonment.

About a year ago one of the men, Sykes by name, fell ill. Governor Jarvis issued a pardon to the dying man. The previous document was taken to Esom, and his post-mortem gave him a momentary pleasure, but death was so near that it dimmed the joy of freedom. Monday morning he died.

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BIRDS DYING OFF.

SUFFERING AMONG THE FEATHERED TRIBES, WHICH IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN UNPRECEDENTED IN HALF A CENTURY—THE COLD LESS FATAL THAN THE FAMINE.

(Philadelphia Times.)

This has been a hard winter on the birds. Old ornithologists think the winged denizens of the air and the feathered paddlers of the streams have suffered more this season from the rigors of cold than ever before in half a century. Fortunately, Nature has kindly given them sources of protection besides the migratory instinct. Thus the cold has been fatal that the scarcity of food by which it was accompanied, a scarcity made all the worse by the long duration of the same and the reign of ice, since the two great classes of winter birds belonging to this latitude fall successively either on the ground or by the shores of the streets between the contractions picking up free lunches, and, although growing more and more unpopular as he grows more, somehow or other there is something about the sly, hardy, noisy, frolicsome, and neighborly English sparrow, strong of wing and bold of spirit, which wins the sympathy of the world.

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FROZEN, STARVED, OR FLOWN AWAY.

FOR RENT, THE EXCELLENT AND CONVENIENTLY ARRANGED RESIDENCE NO. 602 WEST GRACE STREETS, consisting of Mr. S. J. D. Payson, and containing all rooms. This house is in good order, and is a comfortable home for the winter. Apply to Mr. H. L. STAPLES & CO., 110 Main street.

FOR RENT, THE UPPER PART OF 403 EAST BRADDOCK STREET, A large opening for a milliner's shop—store front.

FRANKLIN-STREET RESIDENCE, FOR RENT—THE DESIRABLE HOUSE ON WEST FRANCIS STREET, now occupied by Mr. G. T. Gandy, a lawyer. Apply to Mr. H. L. STAPLES & CO., 110 Main street.

FOR RENT, THAT FIRST-CLASS STORE AT the northeast corner of Main and Second streets, with counters, shelves, etc., for a milliner's shop—store front.

FRANKLIN-STREET RESIDENCE, FOR RENT—The Desirable House on West Francis Street, now occupied by Mr. G. T. Gandy, a lawyer. Apply to Mr. H. L. STAPLES & CO., 110 Main street.

FOR RENT, DWELLING NO. 712, East Main, between Seventh and Eighth Streets, all in demand improvements. Possession 1st April.

Also, LARGE AND SMALL ROOMS over my office, suitable for office or sleeping room, or for any business. CHARLES T. PAVIS,
No. 111 North Eighth street.

FOR RENT.

COAL AND WOOD—WEST VIRGINIA SPLINT, best lump \$6 per 2,000 pounds, \$1.00 per bushel; best coal \$6 per 2,000 pounds, \$1.00 per bushel; \$2.50 per bushel each cord. SWISS Family Bedding, with Satin and Chenille, \$12 per bushel; 8 kinds of ANTHRACITE lowest cash price, \$10.00 per bushel, second class price, \$10.50 per bushel, second class price, \$11.00 per bushel, second class price, \$11.50 per bushel, second class price, \$12.00 per bushel, second class price, \$12.50 per bushel, second class price, \$13.00 per bushel, second class price, \$13.50 per bushel, second class price, \$14.00 per bushel, second class price, \$14.50 per bushel, second class price, \$15.00 per bushel, second class price, \$15.50 per bushel, second class price, \$16.00 per bushel, second class price, \$16.50 per bushel, second class price, \$17.00 per bushel, second class price, \$17.50 per bushel, second class price, \$18.00 per bushel, second class price, \$18.50 per bushel, second class price, \$19.00 per bushel, second class price, \$19.50 per bushel, second class price, \$20.00 per bushel, second class price, \$20.50 per bushel, second class price, \$21.00 per 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